Americans for the Arts has curated and assembled the following links on their website. https://www.americansforthearts.org/by-topic/disaster-preparedness/coronavirus-covid-19-resource-and-response-center

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Relief Funds and Financial Assistance

- 4Culture will begin accepting applications for the Cultural Relief Fund April 1 through May 15.
- The Adolph & Esther Gottlieb Emergency Grant is for painters, printmakers and sculptors
- Actors Fund emergency financial assistance program helps eligible applicants in need. It is not income replacement, but limited funds for basic living necessities. The Actors Fund is also administering COVID19 Assistance programs for performing arts and entertainment unions including SAG-AFTRA, IATSE, Actors Equity Association, American Guild of Musical Artists and Musicians Local 802. Additionally, The Fund is administering the Jujamcyn Theatre Assistance Program
- Anonymous Was A Woman (AWAW) has partnered with the New York Foundation for the Arts (NYFA) to launch an emergency relief grant program to support artists impacted by the COVID-19 crisis. The program will distribute \$250,000 in unrestricted grants, up to \$2,500 apiece, to artists who have experienced financial hardship from loss of income or opportunity as a direct result of the crisis. As with AWAW's annual award, the program is open to women-identifying visual artists over the age of 40 in the United States and territories, and aims to address the unique challenges faced by artists in middle age or older, particularly at this critical time. Applications open April 6; Closes April 8.
- Artly World launched the Artist Relief Project supporting artist with \$200 grants
- Arts Administrators of Color Network launched a relief fund to support BIPOC artists and administrators.
- ArtsFund created the COVID-19 Arts Emergency Relief Fund for arts organizations.
- Artwork Archives has compiled a list of emergency grants for artists.

- Atrium (Sacramento, CA) posts a resource page for creative workers and business
- Boston establishes an artist relief fund.
- Center for Cultural Innovation launched the SF Arts and Artists Relief Fund made possible by the direction of Mayor London Breed, SFAC, and GFTA with the City and County of San Francisco allocating \$1.5 million to this grantmaking relief effort.
- Denver Actors Fund launches \$35,000 emergency relief fund for theatre artists

Some helpful articles:

- NPR story featuring Robert Lynch on the economic impact of the pandemic.
- ArtNews reports that New York small art galleries and NPOs could be eligible for emergency funds.
- Vulture article sharing some thing arts organizations can do to mitigate the disaster.
- Seattle Times article reports \$1.1M and rent relief to support arts organizations.
- Variety article on how unions and studios are dealing with the shutdowns.
- Billboard resource page on national and state by state funds to support artists.
- Audio Assemble blog on short-term and long-term strategies for musicians dealing with income loss.
- BroadwayWorld reports Met Opera off all union employees including musicians and chorus.
- NPR reports Bandcamp Will Forfeit Its Share Of Sales Friday, Urges Direct Support Of Musicians
- NY Times reports Straining From Shutdowns, Theaters Ask Playwrights to Return Payments
- Live for Live Music reports on The True Impact Of COVID-19 On The Music Industry

Resources and Information

This is a small collection of the most relevant webinars available:

- "Setting Up an Emergency Fund" hosted by Americans for the Arts on April 1st at 3PM (EDT).
- "Briefing on Emergency Coronavirus Funding for 501(c)(3)
 Nonprofits" hosted by US Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Access

- a <u>copy of Neil Bradley's slides</u>, and the link to the <u>Emergency Loan</u> Guidelines
- "Emergency Preparedness and Response: COVID19 and the Arts Ecosystem" hosted by Grantmakers in the Arts
- "Financial Strategies for Freelance Artists in a Time of Crisis" hosted by HowlRound will livestream on Thursday, March 26 at 11a PDT/1p CDT/2p EDT
- Arts and Culture Sector and the Coronavirus: What we know and how to move forward? hosted by Americans for the Arts.
- Prepare Your Organization for the Coronavirus Disease Outbreak hosted by the Event Safety Alliance
- <u>Coronavirus Preparedness for Theatres</u> hosted by Theater Communications Group
- Community Conversation on COVID19 hosted by the NYC Arts in Education Roundtable
- This event https://vimeo.com/397826225 was produced by the Association of Teaching Artists, Teaching Artists Guild, Creative Generation, National Guild for Community Arts Education, NYC Arts in Education Roundtable, and Teaching Artists of the Mid-Atlantic.
- Nonprofit HR and Independent Sector town hall recording with downloadable resources
- Artist Office Hours is an opportunity for artists to gather virtually and talk, mourn, laugh and share music. The event takes place each day at 5pm PST. Download the meeting invite.
- Artists in a Time of Global Pandemic hosted by Howlround Theatre Commons offers resources and inspiration to freelance artists.

We have assembled arts agency and arts service organization resource pages of Nation-wide interest:

- Are you a freelance artist? A great crowd sourced resource list is available
- Artist Thrive assembled a listing of helpful resources for artists.
- Arts Extension Services (Amherst, MA) has a resource page with instructor resources
- ArtsReady has great tools and resources to share.
- Artwork Archives has launched a resource page for artists with several funding opportunities
- Association of Performing Arts Professionals published a resource listing.

- Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF+) published an update and resource listing geared for craft artists.
- Creative Capital artist resource page
- The Conference Board has resources for the C-Suite with a 360° view of implications for business and insights on what's ahead related to the COVID-19 Coronavirus.
- Forecast Public Art's resource page shares relief funding and opportunities
- National Alliance of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA) published a resource page designed for community development nonprofits and the associations that serve them.
- National Assembly of State Arts Agencies published a resource page for State Arts Agencies.
- National Endowment for the Arts assembled a resource page and informative FAQ document.
- RuralOrganizing.org launched resources for rural civic leaders
- Salsa Labs has a resource page for nonprofits with webinars, blogs and financial resources
- The DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the University of Maryland will offer pro bono consultations to any U.S.-based nonprofit arts or culture organization between March and June 2020, as a response to the mounting effects of the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Dramatists Guild Foundation launches relief fund supporting individual playwrights, composers, lyricists, and bookwriters.
- EqualSound launches relief fund supporting musicians who have lost gigs due to the pendemic.
- Foundation for Contemporary Arts has a relief fund for artists who incur unexpected or unbudgeted expenses for projects close to completion with committed exhibition or performance dates
- Frederick Arts Council (Maryland) launched a GoFundMe campaign for relief funding.
- Greater Columbus Arts Council (Columbus, OH) announced a relief grant for artists.
- Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council (Pennsylvania) launches a relief fund for artists in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington, Lawrence, Indiana, Greene, Fayette, Washington, and Westmoreland counties.
- Ijeoma Oluo has started a GoFundMe campaign to support artists in Seattle affected.
- Max's Kansas City Project has emergency grants for New Yorkers in the creative arts

- Mellon Foundation Joins Consortium Supporting Small and Mid-size Arts Organizations through \$75-million NYC COVID-19 Response & Impact Fund
- Michigan Music Alliance's Michigan Artist Relief Fund (in collaboration with Walk the Beat--a music nonprofit regularly raising funds to get musical instruments in kids' hands)
- MusiCares launched a relief fund to cover things such as lost income due to cancellations
- Musicians Foundation is accepting aid applications.
- NC Artist Fund Relief Fund: a collaboration between Artspace, PineCone, United Arts Council and VAE Raleigh
- New Haven Creates Relief Fund is a partnership between the City of New Haven's Department of Cultural Affairs and the Arts Council of Greater New Haven providing up to \$1,000 based on their financial situation, with a priority for low-income individuals and small-budget arts organizations.
- New York Foundation on the Arts launches relief fund resource page for several disciplines and geographic focus.
- NYC Small Business Continuity Loan Program can help small businesses deal with the impact of COVID-19. This program is available to New York City businesses with fewer than 100 employees that can demonstrate at least a 25% decrease in revenue as a result of COVID-19. Eligible businesses can apply for an interest-free loan up to \$75,000.
- Oolite Arts (Miami, FL) launched a relief fund offering \$500 grants for artists that have lost income.
- Portland Area Artist Emergency Relief Fund (Portland, OR) organized by Portland's Creative Laureate, Subashini Ganesan, and Oregon's Poet Laureate, Kim Stafford.
- Rauschenberg announced an Medical Emergency grant program for artists.
- San Francisco Foundation (San Francisco, CA) released emergency fund for organizations.
- Spokane Arts launched a relief fund for individual artists
- Springboard for the Arts has several resources and relief funds.
- Theatre Bay Area has set up the COVID-19 Performing Arts Worker Relief Fund.
- UNTITLED, ART announces the UNTITLED, ART Emergency Fund, in collaboration with &Art& serving artists in the Bay Area.
- WomenArts has a fund roundup on their website